

## Public Law 265

## CHAPTER 435

August 13, 1953  
[S. 2163]

## AN ACT

To authorize conveyance to the State of North Carolina of certain lands and improvements constituting the United States cotton field station located near Statesville, North Carolina.

North Carolina.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to transfer and convey to the State of North Carolina, without monetary consideration, the real property owned by the United States, comprising one hundred and thirty-three acres, more or less, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, constituting the United States cotton field station located near Statesville in the county of Iredell, State of North Carolina. Such property shall be transferred and conveyed only upon the agreement of the State of North Carolina to furnish the United States Department of Agriculture, without cost, land and other facilities for use in carrying out plant, soil, and agricultural engineering research for a term, or terms, sufficient to make the total rental value of such land and other facilities equal to the present appraised fair market value of the Statesville station, and for such period thereafter as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties.

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## Public Law 266

## CHAPTER 480

August 14, 1953  
[H. R. 307]

## AN ACT

To revive and reenact the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Ogdensburg Bridge Authority, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River at or near the city of Ogdensburg, New York".

64 Stat. 468.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act approved August 19, 1950, authorizing the Ogdensburg Bridge Authority, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Saint Lawrence River, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the city of Ogdensburg, be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted: *Provided,* That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval hereof.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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## Public Law 267

## CHAPTER 481

August 14, 1953  
[H. R. 1219]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande, at or near Hidalgo, Texas.

Hidalgo Bridge  
Co.  
Bridge across  
Rio Grande.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and

other purposes, the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad toll bridge and approaches thereto across the Rio Grande, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Hidalgo, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject further to the approval of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and also subject to the approval of the proper authorities in the Republic of Mexico to the construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 USC 491-498.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Texas needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its originally designed approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State of Texas.

Rights and powers.

SEC. 3. The said Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of the State of Texas or the United States applicable thereto, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Tolls.

SEC. 4. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act to any public agency, or to an international bridge authority or commission, is hereby granted to the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, or legal representatives; and any such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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## CHAPTER 482

### AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of a tract of land in Dane County, Wisconsin, to the Wisconsin State Armory Board.

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[H. R. 1245]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to donate and convey to the Wisconsin State Armory Board, for the use of the Wisconsin Army National Guard, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of land (together with all buildings and improvements thereon) located in Truax Field, Dane County, Wisconsin. Such tract of land contains approximately eight and eight-tenths acres and is more particularly described as follows:

Wisconsin State  
Armory Board,  
Conveyance.